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CTICC 2 officially opens for business

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The CTICC 2, the Cape Town International Convention Centre's R900m expansion, was officially opened on January 25 by Western Cape Premier, **Helen Zille**, and Cape Town Executive Mayor, **Patricia de Lille**.

The facility is a collaborative project by the centre and its shareholders, including the City of Cape Town, Western Cape Government and SunWest International.

CTICC 2 adds an additional 31 148 sqm to the complex, including 10 000 sqm of conference and exhibition space, as well as a further 3 000 sqm of formal and informal meeting space. These numbers translate to six exhibition halls, four meeting suites, five meeting pod rooms, an executive boardroom, three open-air terraces including an impressive rooftop venue, a coffee shop, and a multi-level parking garage, according to ceo of the CTICC, **Julie-May Ellingson**.

The centre is opposite the original convention centre and boasts an environmentally sustainable design, high-tech venue control systems, high-calibre IT infrastructure, free public WiFi, three production kitchens to cater for every type of event, and a service tunnel under Heerengracht Avenue connecting CTICC 2 with CTICC1. "Phase 2 of the CTICC 2 project is well under way. In the next few months, we will be able to start construction of the skybridge linking the two buildings across Heerengracht," says Julie-May.